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CODING APPARATUS AND

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

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Responsive to the Office Action dated **September 25, 2002** (herein "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 17. Please replace claims 1, 3, 11, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 24, and 25 with the following amended claims:

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1. (Four Times Amended) A picture decoding and coding apparatus comprising:

a picture coding apparatus including picture coding means of

coding pictures and providing a picture identifier for each picture as an I, P or B

5 picture,

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priority providing means of correlating each coded picture with a

7 priority identifier which assigns a priority level to one or more frames of the

8 coded pictures, and

9 transmission control means of transmitting or recording the coded

10 pictures with the priority identifiers; and

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